

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer-useable medium having computer-readable instructions embodied thereon for providing access to digital media files on a digital device, said computer-readable instructions comprising: An application for providing access to media files on a digital device, the application comprising a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable program instructions embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions adapted to generate for generating a media view that provides access to the digital media files and associates the digital media files with a period of time; and

second instructions adapted to generate for generating a media handle that provides the ability to browse the media [[a]] view generated by the computer program product application over several periods of time, the second instructions further adapted to provide the ability to browse periods of time within the view of the computer program product according to a chosen browse parameter and to automatically alter the speed of the browsing using the media handle when a media file having the chosen browse parameter is approached or in the media view.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the ~~second instructions for generating a media handle provides for the ability to browse periods of time within a view of the application according to a~~ browse parameter is chosen from any combination of items of metadata associated with the media files.

4. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the ~~second instructions for generating a media handle provides for the ability to browse periods of time within a view of the application according to a~~ browse parameter is chosen from one or more items of metadata associated with periods of time.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 3, wherein the item of metadata is chosen from the group consisting of time, media file type, media file size, media file bookmark, media file annotation, media file representation, media file title, media file name, topic, content, location, situation, preferences, contact information, names of people, names of electronic devices, technical information of electronic devices, items described in the media file and tables of content information.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1 ~~[[6]],~~ wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further includes instructions for decreasing the speed of the browsing in relation to the distance of the approaching media file and extent of a deviation of the media handle from a ~~[[the]]~~ centerline position.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1 ~~[[2]],~~ wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further includes instructions for increasing the speed of the browsing when a media file, in accord with the chosen browse parameter, bypasses a centerline position of a view generated by the computer program product application.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 8, wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further includes instructions for increasing the speed of the browsing in relation to the distance of the bypassing media file and extent of a deviation of the media handle from the centerline position.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions associate the digital media files with a period of time based upon information associated with the digital media file.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1, further comprising third instructions for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and associates events with respective periods of time.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 11, wherein the first instructions ~~for generating a media view that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a period of time,~~ associates digital media files with a past period of time and wherein the third instructions ~~for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and associates events with respective periods of time,~~ associates events with respective future periods of time.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1 ~~[[2]],~~ wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle that provides the ability to browse periods of time within a view of the application according to a chosen browse parameter~~ further includes instructions for browsing the media items by stepping directly to the period of time including the media file having the chosen browse parameter.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1 ~~[[2]],~~ wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle that provides the ability to browse periods of~~

time within a view of the application according to a chosen browse parameter further includes instructions to browse a media view, a calendar view and a time bar.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further provides for a browsing step function that is proportional to a movement of the media handle along a time bar.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further provides for generating a center mark on the media handle that indicates the period of time that is browsed to a centerline of the view of the computer program product application.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further provides for a speed of browsing that is proportional to the distance that the media handle is deviated from a centerline position on a view of the computer program product application.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim[[s]] 17, wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further provides for a speed of browsing that accelerates when the media handle is deviated a certain distance from the centerline position on the view of the computer program product application.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 17, wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further includes instructions for increasing the speed of browsing as the distance from the centerline position is increased.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 17, wherein the second instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further includes instructions for decreasing the speed of browsing as the distance from the centerline position is decreased.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer program product application of Claim 18, wherein the second [[third]] instructions ~~for generating a media handle~~ further includes instructions for decreasing the speed of the browsing when a media file having in accord with the chosen browse parameter enters a viewable area of the display and increasing the speed of the browsing when the media file having in accord with the chosen browse parameter bypasses the viewable area of the display.

22. (Currently Amended) A digital device, the device comprising:

a processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions adapted to access for ~~accessing~~ media files, the computer-readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions adapted to generate ~~for generating~~ a media view that provides access to digital media files and associates digital media files with a period of time, and

second instructions for generating a media handle adapted ~~that provides the ability to~~ browse the media ~~[[a]]~~ view generated by the processing unit ~~application~~ over several periods of time, the second instructions further adapted to automatically alter the speed of the browsing when the processing unit determines that a media file is approaching or currently in the media view; and

a display in communication with the processing unit that presents a combined view of the media view and the media handle.

23. (Currently Amended) The digital device of Claim 22, wherein ~~the processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions for accessing media files;~~ the computer-readable program instructions further ~~comprising further comprises~~ a third instructions adapted to generate ~~for generating~~ a calendar view that represents time in calendar format, associates events with respective periods of time and is presented by the display in combination with the media view and media handle.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for browsing media files in a media application, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

providing for a media view and a media handle on a display associated with a device implementing the media application;

defining a browse parameter for desired media files;

deviating~~[[,]]~~ the media handle~~[[,]]~~ a distance from a centerline position on the display;

~~[[and]]~~

setting a ~~[[the]]~~ browse speed according to the distance that the media handle deviates from the centerline position in order to locate ~~[[a]]~~ desired media files ~~representation~~ within the media view~~[[,]]~~; and

automatically altering the browse speed when a desired media file is approached or is within the media view.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24, further comprising ~~the step of~~ adjusting the deviation distance ~~an appropriate amount~~ and adjusting the browse speed according to the adjusted deviation distance to locate the desired media file within the media view.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24 [[26]], wherein ~~the step of defining a browse parameter prior to deviating, the media handle, a distance from a centerline position on the display~~ further comprises defining a browse parameter chosen from the group consisting of time, media file type, metadata information, media file bookmarks, and media file representation.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 24 [[28]], wherein ~~the step of automatically altering the browse speed when media files of a type associated with the desired media file are within the media view~~ further comprises automatically decreasing the browse speed when media files of a type associated with the desired media file are within the media view and increasing the browse speed when media files of a type associated with the desired media file are not within the media view.